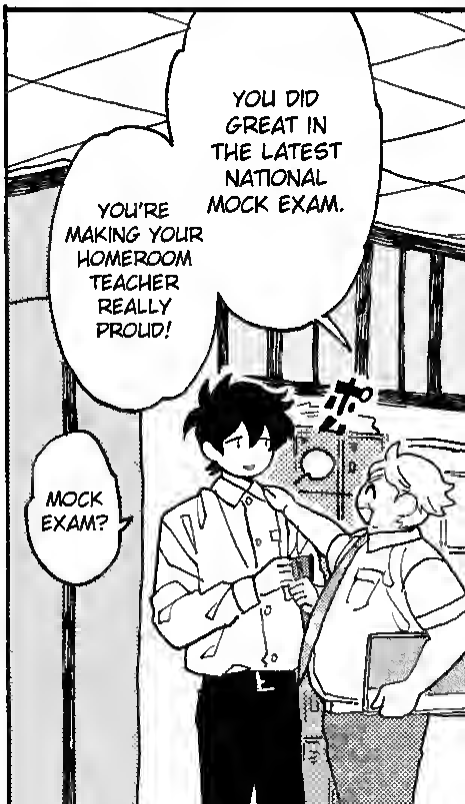
Saiaku no Jinsei
First Part

HEY!
SAYAMA-KUN!

WHAT PLACE DID I GET IN THE END?
OH, YOU MEAN LAST MONTH'S...
WHAT?!


YOU DID GREAT IN THE LATEST NATIONAL MOCK EXAM.
YOU'RE MAKING YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER REALLY PROUD!
MOCK EXAM?

I'M SUPER HAPPY
RIGHT ?!
YOU SHOULD BE CELE-BRATING!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! YOU PLACED FIRST IN YOUR GRADE! FIRST!

HE'S A LOST CAUSE. BOTH HIS GRADES AND ATTITUDE ARE TERRIBLE
HE SMOKES AND GETS IN FIGHTS WITH STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS
Ah
BULLIED ...?
BY THE WAY, SAYAMA-KUN, I'VE HEARD YOU'VE BEEN GETTING BULLIED LATELY. ARE YOU DOING OKAY?
YOU KNOW, BY THAT 3RD YEAR. KAWASHIMA! I'VE BEEN SEEING YOU TWO TOGETHER LATELY
WHO'RE YOU CALLING AN IDIOT?
IF YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THAT IDIOT IT'LL HAVE A BAD INFLUENCE ON YOU. IT'S BETTER YOU CUT TIES WITH...
KAWASHIMA...!!
AH!

IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH ME SAY IT TO MY FACE!
GOT IT?!
COWARD.
SEE YOU LATER SAYAMA-KUN!
I HAVE TO PREP THE NEXT CLASS SO I HAVE TO GO NOW
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WHAT'RE YOU LOOK-ING AT?
NO... I WAS JUST THINKING THAT PEOPLE ARE PRONE TO MISJUDGE YOU.
TRUTH IS, YOU HAVE A NICE SIDE TOO.
THAT'S FUCKING GROSS, SHUT UP!!
OW, DON'T BULLY ME.

I only met Senpai a couple of weeks ago.
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Ouch!
WHOOPSIE, SORRY ABOUT THAT. IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE.
SURE..
YOU'RE KINDA TAKING OUR SPOT THERE, YOU KNOW?
I WOULD BE SUPER HAPPY IF YOU LET US HAVE IT.
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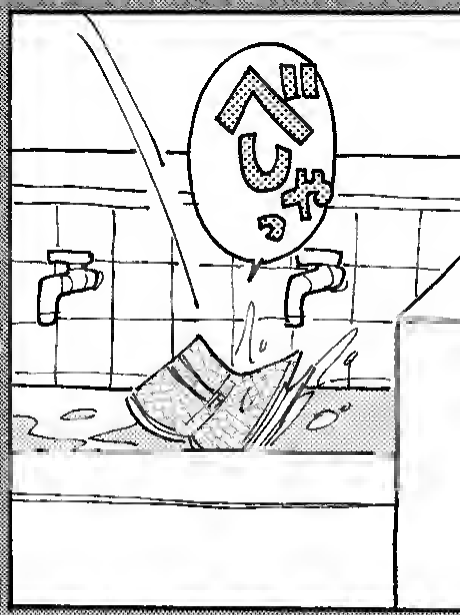
HUH?!
AS IF.

OOPS, MY HAND SLIPPED. SORRY.
OH...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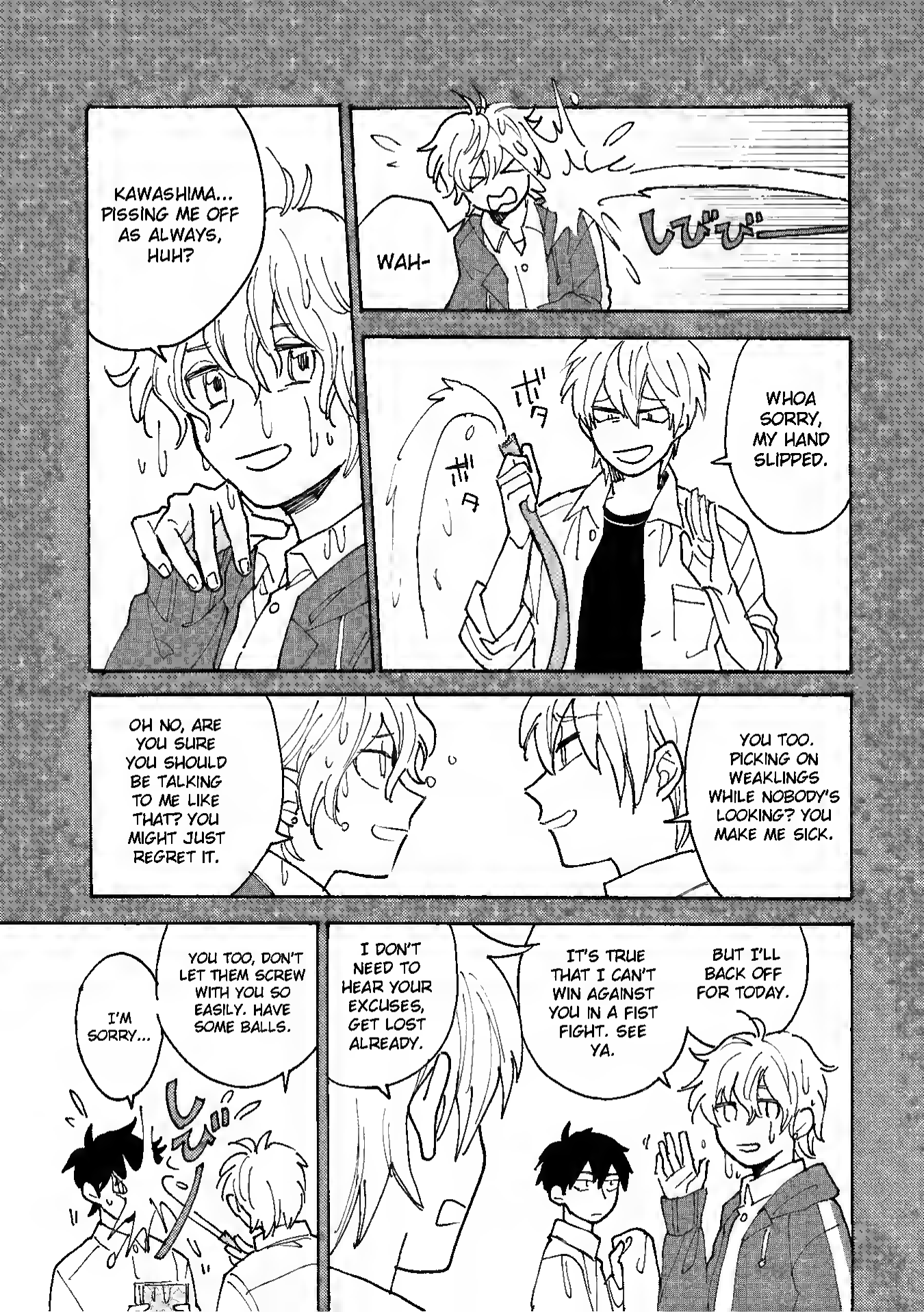
KAWASHIMA... PISSING ME OFF AS ALWAYS, HUH?
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WHOA SORRY, MY HAND SLIPPED.
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OH NO, ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT? YOU MIGHT JUST REGRET IT.
YOU TOO. PICKING ON WEAKLINGS WHILE NOBODY'S LOOKING? YOU MAKE ME SICK.
I'M SORRY...
YOU TOO, DON'T LET THEM SCREW WITH YOU SO EASILY. HAVE SOME BALLS.
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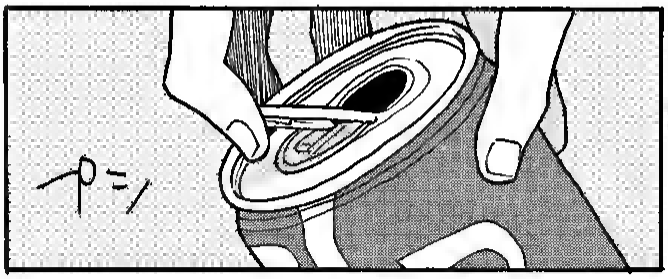
I DON'T NEED TO HEAR YOUR EXCUSES, GET LOST ALREADY.
IT'S TRUE THAT I CAN'T WIN AGAINST YOU IN A FIST FIGHT. SEE YA.
BUT I'LL BACK OFF FOR TODAY.

NOT REALLY
I JUST DON'T LIKE HOW SPITEFUL HE IS.

BUT... YOU WERE STANDING UP FOR ME AFTER ALL.



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BUT IF YOU WANT TO THANK ME I WOULDN'T MIND IF YOU BOUGHT ME A DRINK.

YOU'RE SUPPOSEDLY REALLY SMART, RIGHT? THE TEACHERS WERE ALL HAPPY ABOUT IT.
WELL...
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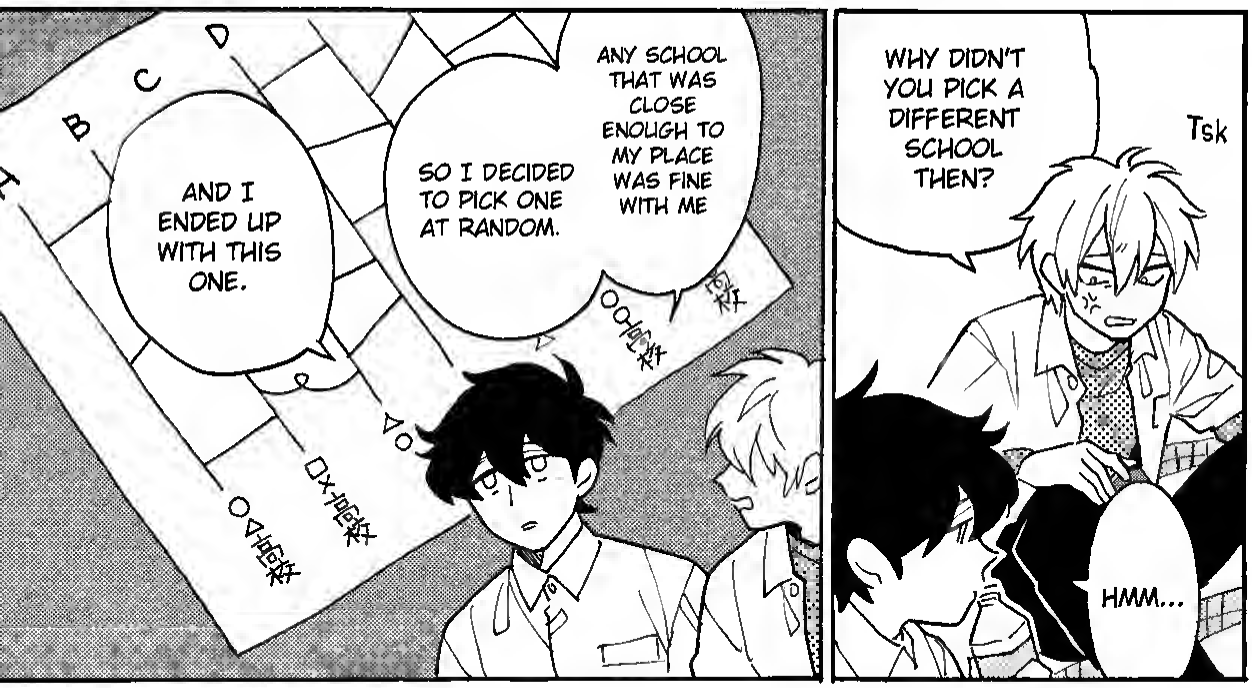
RATHER THAN HOW SMART I AM, I THINK THIS SCHOOL'S AVERAGE IS JUST TOO LOW...
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY PISSING ME OFF RIGHT NOW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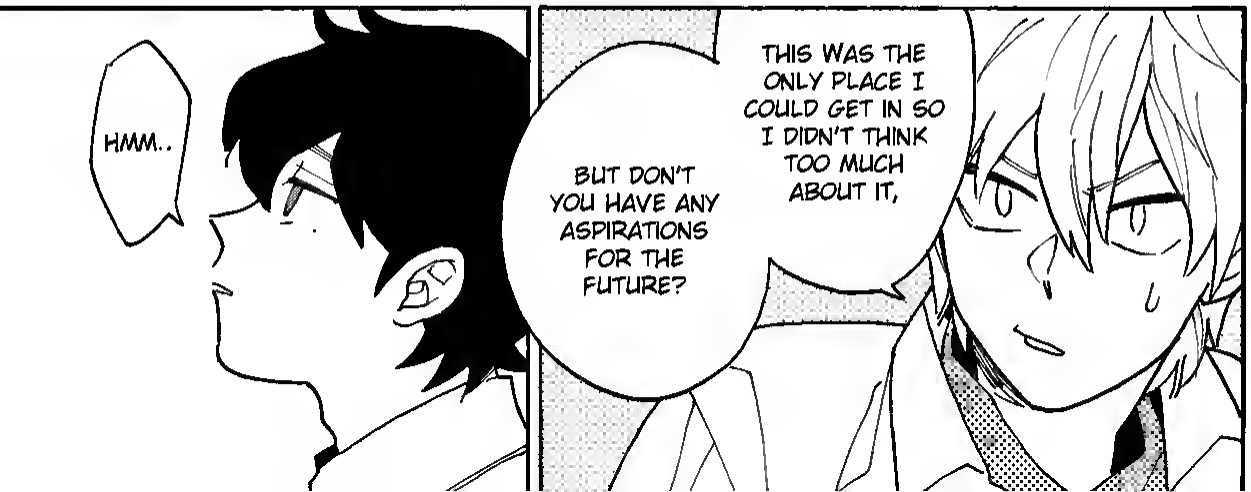
AND I ENDED UP WITH THIS ONE.
SO I DECIDED TO PICK ONE AT RANDOM.
ANY SCHOOL THAT WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO MY PLACE WAS FINE WITH ME
WHY DIDN'T YOU PICK A DIFFERENT SCHOOL THEN?
Tsk
HMM...


HMM..
BUT DON'T YOU HAVE ANY ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE?
THIS WAS THE ONLY PLACE I COULD GET IN SO I DIDN'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT,

SO I'VE FELT INDIFFERENT TOWARDS MOST THINGS.
STUDYING, SPORTS, MUSIC, EVERYTHING...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD AT EVERYTHING. EVER SINCE I WAS YOUNG.
WHAT?
OW.
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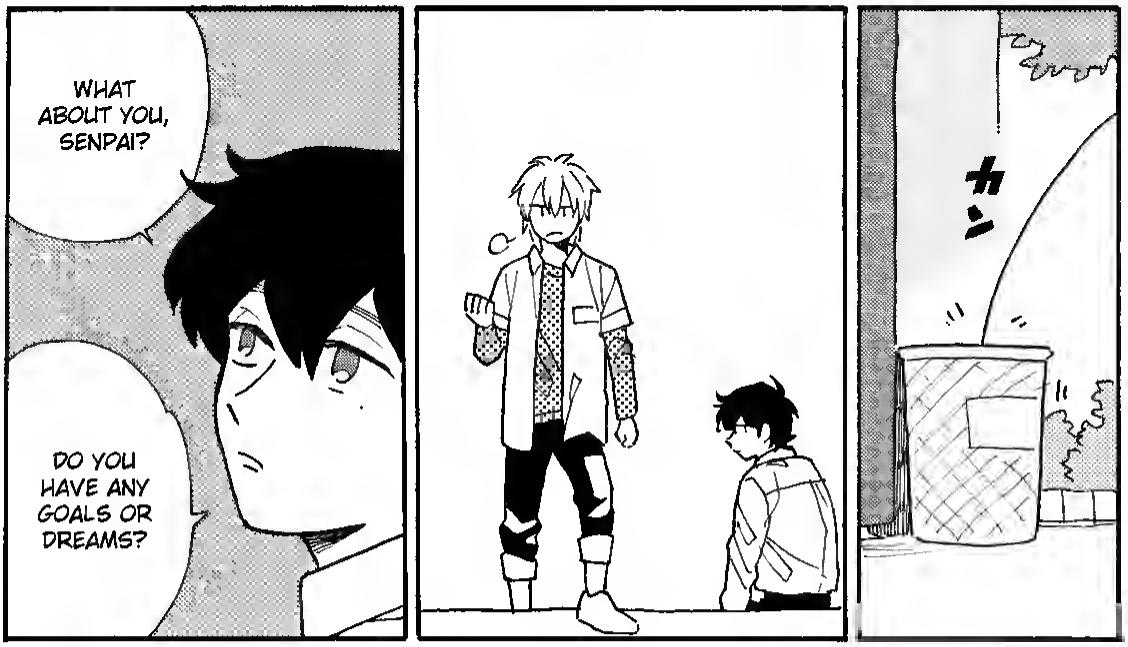
STOP BRAG-GING.
NO, I MEAN IT. THERE'S NOTHING THAT I WANT TO STRIVE FOR...
I CAN'T FIND SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO BECOME EITHER.
I GUESS I PITY YOU A LITTLE.
Really?

IF THERE'S NOTHING YOU WANT TO DO,
THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN BEING GOOD AT EVERYTHING.
WHAT DO THEY CALL IT... A WASTE OF TALENT?
OR SOME-THING.


WHAT ABOUT YOU, SENPAI?
DO YOU HAVE ANY GOALS OR DREAMS?
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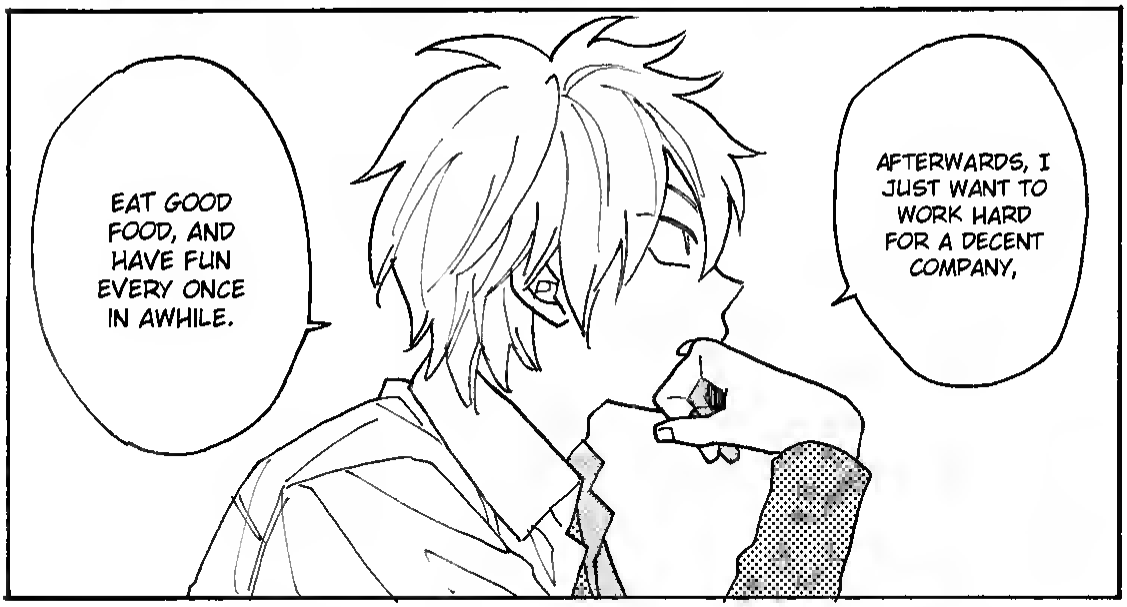
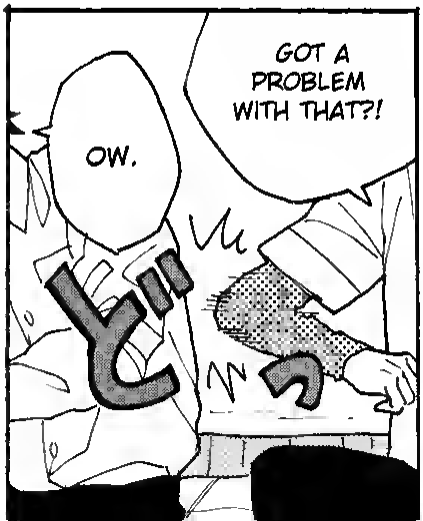
FOR NOW, I JUST WANT TO GRADUATE FROM THIS SHITTY SCHOOL.
There we go
THEY SAY THAT YOU'LL HAVE A HARD TIME FINDING WORK IF YOU DON'T GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?

ME?!


EAT GOOD FOOD, AND HAVE FUN EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE.
AFTERWARDS, I JUST WANT TO WORK HARD FOR A DECENT COMPANY,


GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
OW.
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THAT SOUNDS... PRETTY NORMAL, NO?

I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL DREAM.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
WOW, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
HEY.

YOU KEEP GETTING HURT ALL THE TIME.
WON'T YOUR PARENTS WORRY?
I RAN INTO SOME ASSHOLE ON THE TRAIN.
YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT AGAIN?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, I AIN'T GOT ANY.
OH...

ALL MY MOM EVER DID WAS WORK ANYWAY.
SHE HARDLY EVER FACED ME, EVEN.
I'M SORRY..
UM, I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY...
IT'S FINE, DON'T MIND IT.
EXCEPT FOR WHEN I DID BAD THINGS AND GOT CAUGHT.
THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME WHEN SHE WOULD COME RUNNING TO ME.
AND THEN SHE'D SNAP AT ME.
Well. that's to be expected
THAT WAS THE ONE AND ONLY WAY,
TO GET THAT WOMAN TO LOOK AT ME.

AS IF I'D FEEL ANYTHING FOR THAT HEARTLESS BITCH.
OW.
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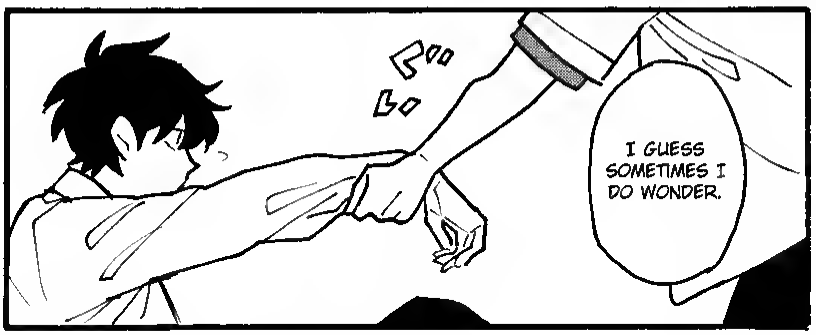
YOU...
IN SHORT...
HAD A MOTHER COMPLEX, HUH?
"YOU'RE A GOOD FOR NOTHING"
"YOU LOOK JUST LIKE THE HUSBAND WHO LEFT ME"
"I WISH I NEVER HAD YOU"
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN...
IT'S LIKE THE STUFF YOU SEE IN TV DRAMAS.
Sigh

"BECAUSE OF YOU"
"I'VE HAD A TERRIBLE LIFE"


I GUESS SOMETIMES I DO WONDER.

IF I HAD BEEN A PERFECT STUDENT LIKE YOU
MAYBE THINGS WOULD'VE BEEN DIFFERENT?

ALTHOUGH THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN MY LINE.

I'M STUPID AND I CAN'T CONTROL MY TEMPER.
BEING ABLE TO KICK ASS IS MY ONLY REDEEMING FEATURE
OW-
I ENVY YOU.
THAT'S WHY YOU PISS ME OFF, IDIOT.
YOU COULD DO ANYTHING YOU WANT, AND YET YOU DO NOTHING AT ALL.
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO HIT ME?
I DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING.
ALSO, THEY'RE PUTTING ME IN HOUSE ARREST.
HUH?
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
HOW ABOUT YOU RESPOND BACK FOR ONCE?

SAYAMA-KUN, SAYA-MA-KUN.
ISN'T IT TOO EARLY FOR THAT? I'M JUST A FIRST YEAR.
SAYAMA-KUN,
YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING TO AN UNIVERSITY, RIGHT?
IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT IT!
I GOT YOU SOME PAMPHLETS AND STUFF SO GIVE THEM A READ.
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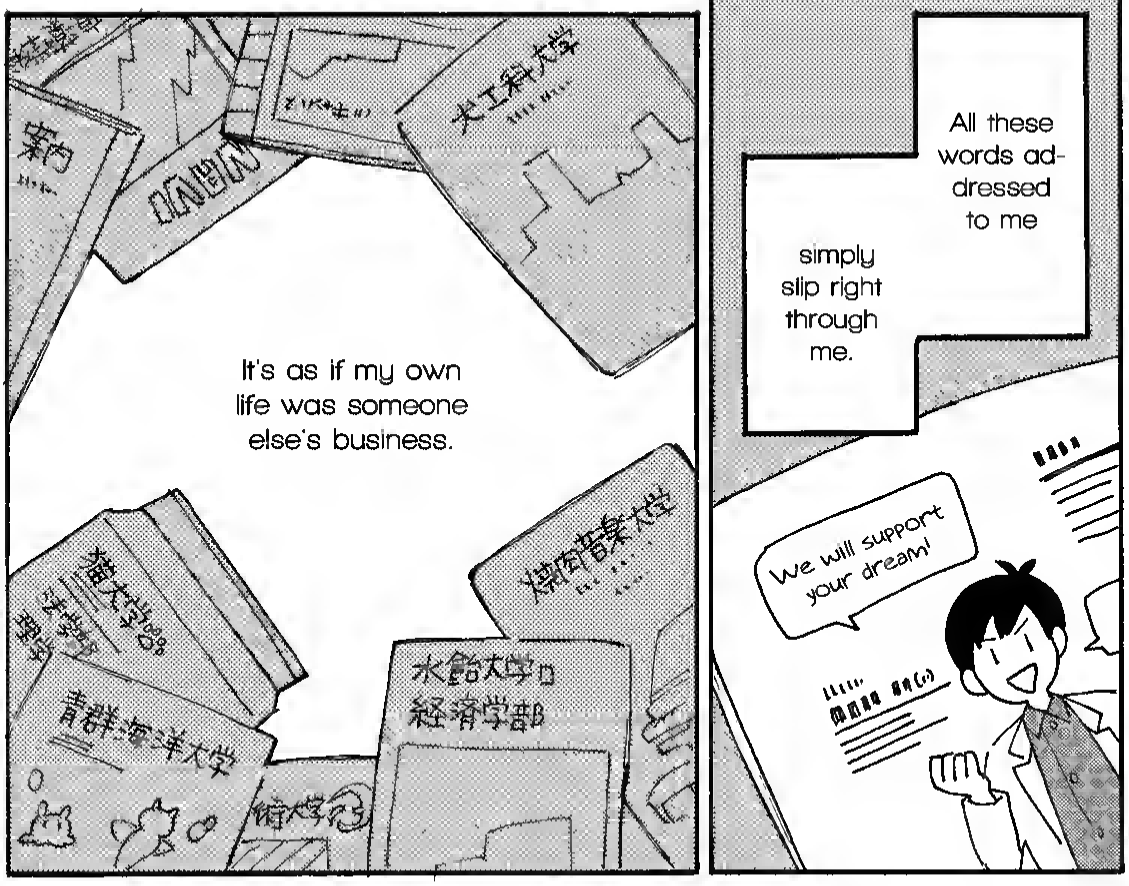
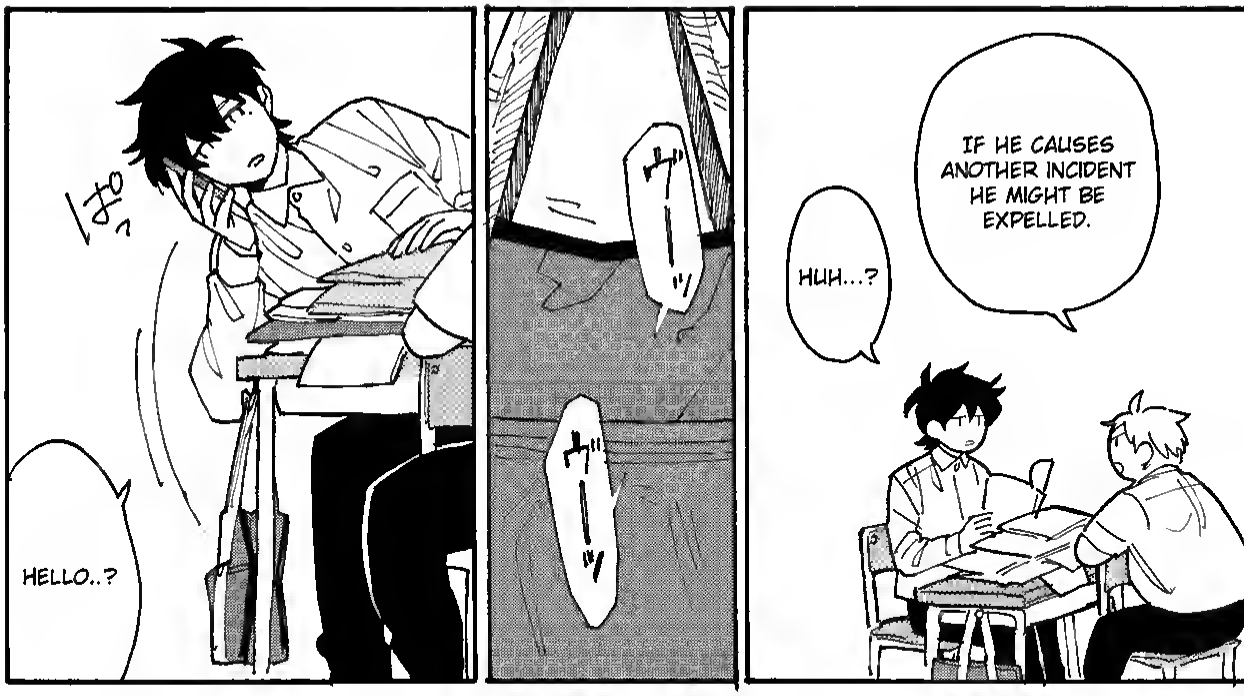
But if anything I'm the one that's jealous.

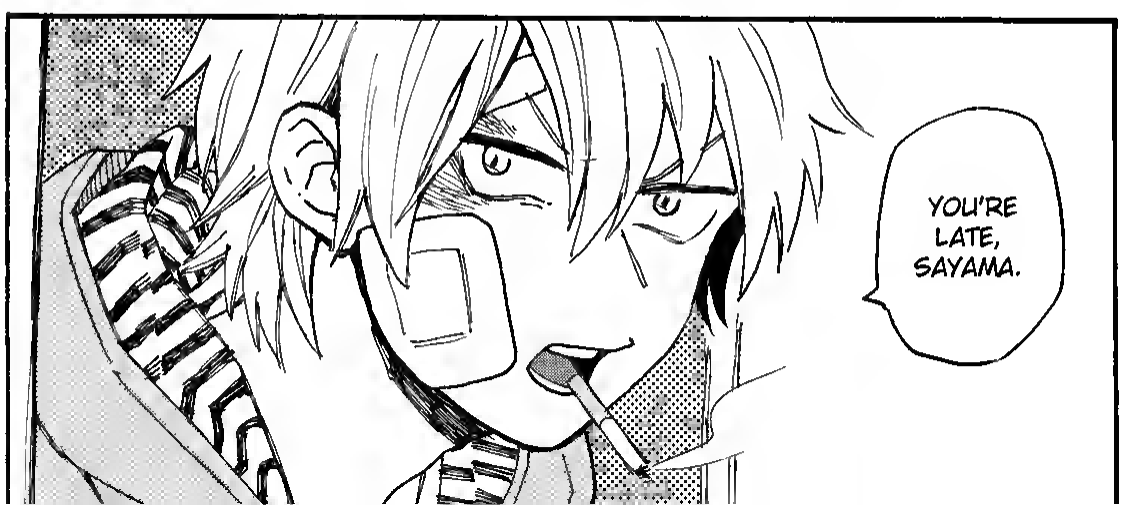
Senpai said he was jealous of me.


It's as if my own life was someone else's business.
All these words addressed to me
simply slip right through me.
We will support your dream!

YEAH...
IT LOOKS LIKE HE GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH A DRUNK PASSENGER ON THE TRAIN.
OH RIGHT, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT KAWASHIMA?
I'VE TALKED TO HIM COUNTLESS TIMES, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN.
ALL HE DOES IS MAKE ME LOOK BAD...


HELLO..?
IF HE CAUSES ANOTHER INCIDENT HE MIGHT BE EXPELLED.
HUH...?

COME AGAIN?


YOU'RE LATE, SAYAMA.

I'VE MADE ZERO PROGRESS WITH THAT APOLOGY LETTER, AND I'M TIRED OF READING MANGA.
SPENDING THE WHOLE DAY IN HERE ALONE GETS BORING.
I HAD TO GO PICK IT UP BACK AT MY PLACE.
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?
SENPAI ARE YOU GOING TO LOSE AGAIN?
GET OUT OF THE WAY SUCKER!
TAKE THAT!!
HEY!!
TAKE THIS! REAL LIFE ROAD BLOCK!!

AAH, I'M HUNGRY...
YOU MADE ME LOSE.
SERVES YOU RIGHT.
Sigh
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SURE, SURE.
THERE'S A CONVENIENCE STORE NEAR THE TRAIN STATION. CAN YOU GO GET ME SOMETHING?
OH? IF IT ISN'T OUR HONOR STUDENT.
Mamma
I hope tuna mayo is alright
Thank you for your patronage

SORRY, WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
WHAT? THAT'S SO MEAN.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE MEETING YOU HERE.
UGH-
DID YOU FORGET ABOUT ME?
YOU'RE THE GUY SENPAI SPRAYED WATER ON...
OH,

YOU'RE KAWASHIMA'S FRIEND, RIGHT?
UM...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'LL CHANGE TODAY.
AH-
I KNEW HE LIVED SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE
BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RUN INTO HIM YET.
HELLO, KAWASHIMA? YOU MIGHT WANT TO DROP BY THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
YOU BETTER HURRY, WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO MR. HONOR STUDENT OVER HERE.
MY PHONE... WHEN DID HE GET IT?

YOU HAVE THE NEWEST MODEL.
I WANTED TO GET IT TOO, BUT IN THE END I COULDN'T.
YOU-
OH?
I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU NOW.
...!
UGH...

THAT'S NO FUN.
YOU REALLY DON'T GIVE OUT MUCH OF A REACTION, HUH.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT, IT WAS ON PURPOSE...
OH NO! THAT LOOKS LIKE IT HURT. I'M SO SORRY.
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WOW, YOU'RE HERE ALREADY
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DAMN YOU FUJISAKI.
WELL AREN'T YOU A FAST RUNNER?
Wheeze
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I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT ME.
Wheeze
WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU WANT?

SAYAMA, YOU'RE BLEEDING!
OH... I'M FINE.
Gasp
GIVE IT A FUCKING REST ALREADY!!
GO AHEAD AND PUNCH ME IF YOU WANT.
SENPAI, DON'T DO IT!
WHAT?!
YOU MIGHT GET EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL...
IF YOU START A FIGHT
YOU'RE UNDER HOUSE ARREST RIGHT NOW.

WHO CARES ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW?!
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO GRADUATE, RIGHT?
YOU THINK I CAN STAY CALM AFTER SEEING WHAT HE DID TO YOU?!
I WON'T CALM DOWN UNTIL I LAND ONE ON HIM TOO!!

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OUCH...
カシャーン
YOU SEEM TO THINK YOUR BRUTE STRENGTH WILL ALWAYS MAKE YOU A WINNER,
BUT ACCORDING TO SOCIETY, THE ONE WHO STRIKES FIRST LOSES.
IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME COME SAY IT TO MY FACE.
I'LL BEAT YOUR ASS ANY DAY.
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THIS IS 110.
WHAT'S YOUR EMERGENCY?
LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SWING PUNCHES WITHOUT THINKING AHEAD FIRST.
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WHAT ARE YOU...
HUH?
I'M AT...
PLEASE HURRY!
HELP ME...!! SOMEONE'S ATTACKING ME...

I GUESS YOUR STUDENT DAYS ARE OVER
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR SPEAKING TO ME LIKE THAT.

KAWASHIMA-KUN HAD BEEN BULLYING ME SO I TOLD THE TEACHERS ONCE. I THINK HE'S BEEN RESENTING ME EVER SINCE.
HE SAW ME AND THEN PUNCHED ME FOR NO REASON.
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In the end everybody seemed to believe it wos oll Senpai's foult

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BUT HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO HOLD A GRUDGE.
FUJISAKI IS A GOOD STUDENT. COMPARED TO HIM, KAWASHIMA DOES BRING IN TROUBLE.
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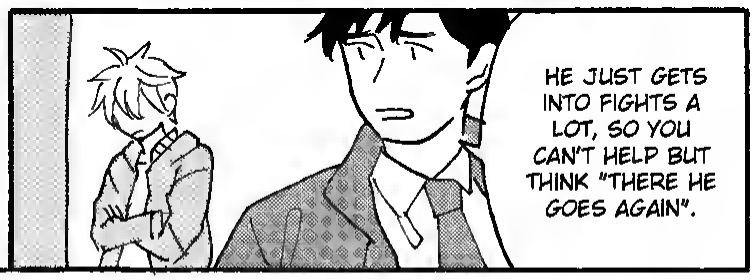
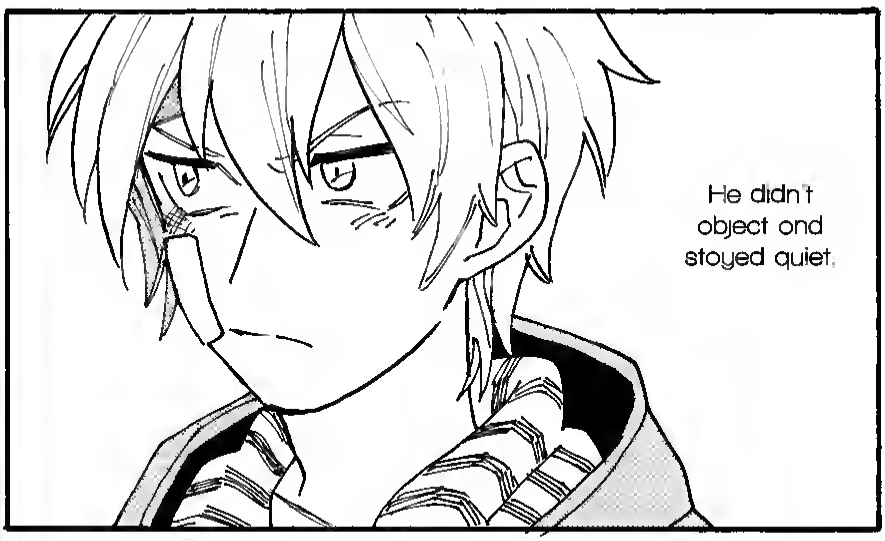


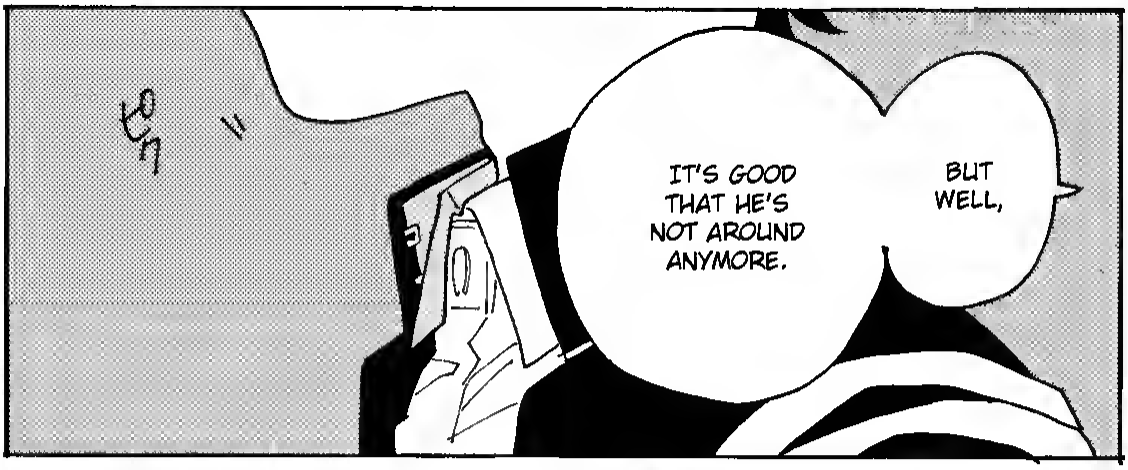
And then I never saw him at schaal again.



When I tried to exploin the situotion, they just thought I wos covering for him out of fear.

somehow they believed thot he hod hit me os well.

I ALREADY SAID IT WASN'T HIM...
KAWASHIMA DID THAT TO YOU DIDN'T HE?
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, SAYAMA-KUN.


IT'S GOOD THAT HE'S NOT AROUND ANYMORE.
BUT WELL,

WITH HIM OUT OF THE WAY YOU CAN FOCUS ON STUDYING.
HE WAS BOTHERING YOU TOO RIGHT?
HUH? WELL,
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HOW IS THAT GOOD?

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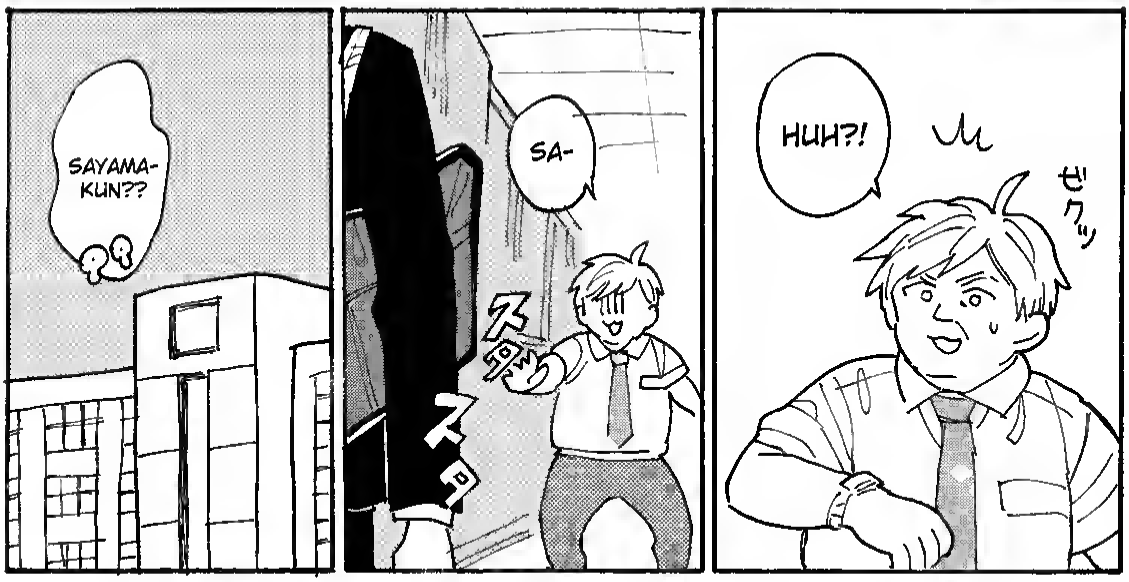
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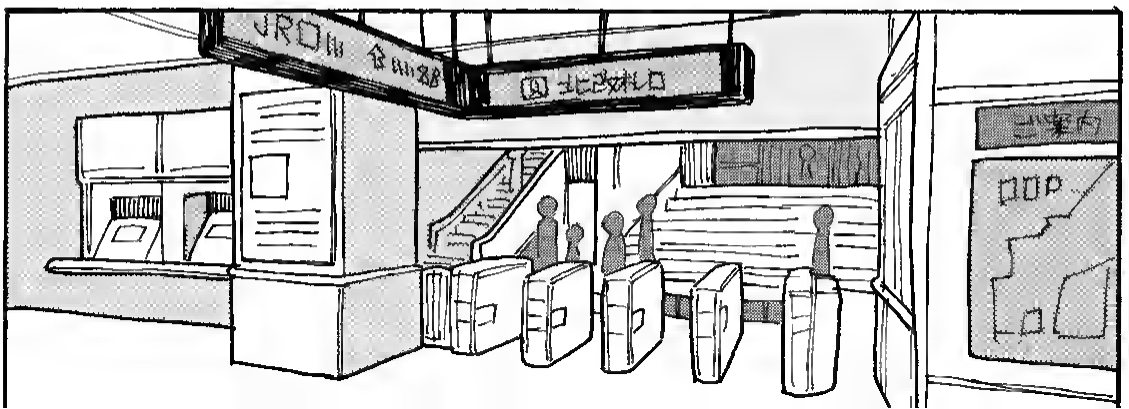
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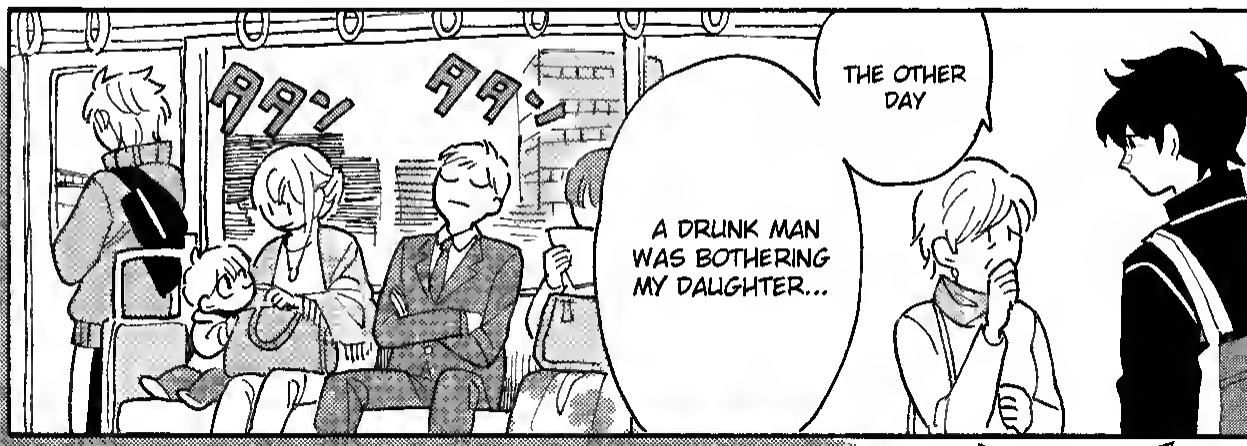
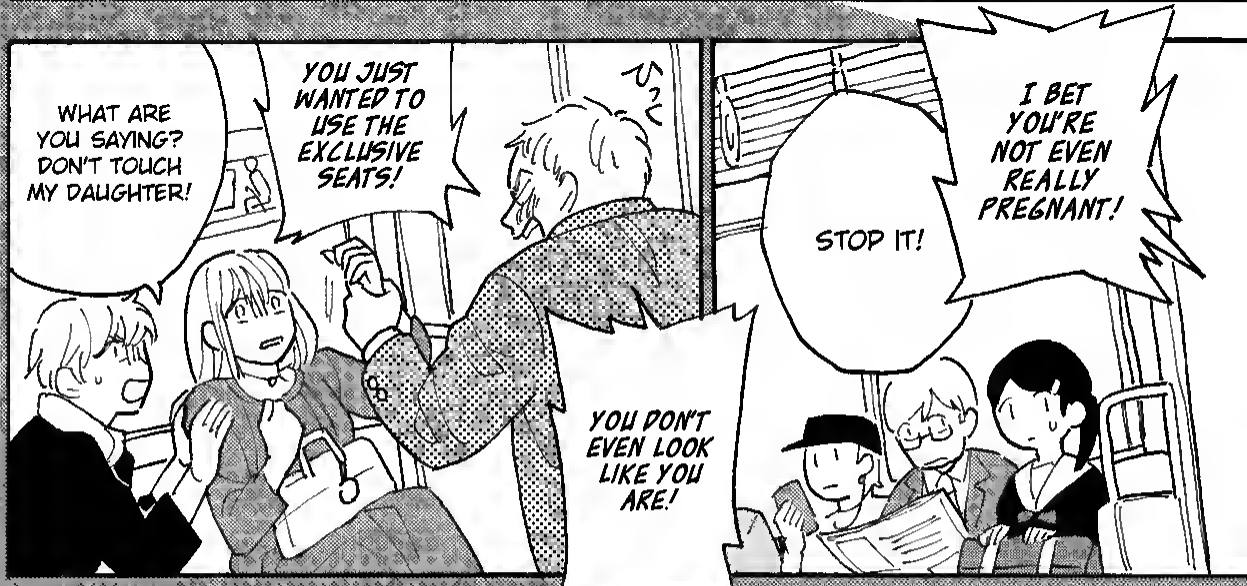
EXCUSE ME.
YES?
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.
MAYBE YOU KNOW HIM?


THE OTHER DAY
A DRUNK MAN WAS BOTHERING MY DAUGHTER...


I BET YOU'RE NOT EVEN REALLY PREGNANT!
STOP IT!
YOU JUST WANTED TO USE THE EXCLUSIVE SEATS!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? DON'T TOUCH MY DAUGHTER!
YOU DON'T EVEN LOOK LIKE YOU ARE!

I'M TIRED FROM WORK-ING, MOVE OVER!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
YOU GET DRUNK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING AND THEN LASH OUT ON A YOUNG WOMAN.
WHAT?!
MOM IT'S FINE, I'LL GIVE HIM MY SEAT.
GH!
I'M SO SORRY, MY HAND MUST'VE SLIPPED.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
WHO THREW THAT?!
DON'T FUCK WITH ME YOU BRAT!
FUCK OFF BALDY.

THEN THEY GOT IN A FIGHT INSIDE THE TRAIN...
I'M NOT BALD!
BALD! BALD! BALD!
HE PUNCHED THE BOY IN THE FACE, AND I'VE BEEN FEELING BAD FOR HIM EVER SINCE.
SHE'S TALKING ABOUT SENPAI...
THAT BOY HELPED MY DAUGHTER
AND YET I NEVER THANKED HIM FOR IT.
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO.
HE HAD THE SAME SCHOOL BAG AS YOU,
SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW HIM...
People are always misjudging Senpai because of his personality
THE TRAIN IS ARRIVING
HUH?
ON THE 2ND TRACK

But he's actually a kind person.
Somebody has to protect that kindness.
I...
have to protect it.
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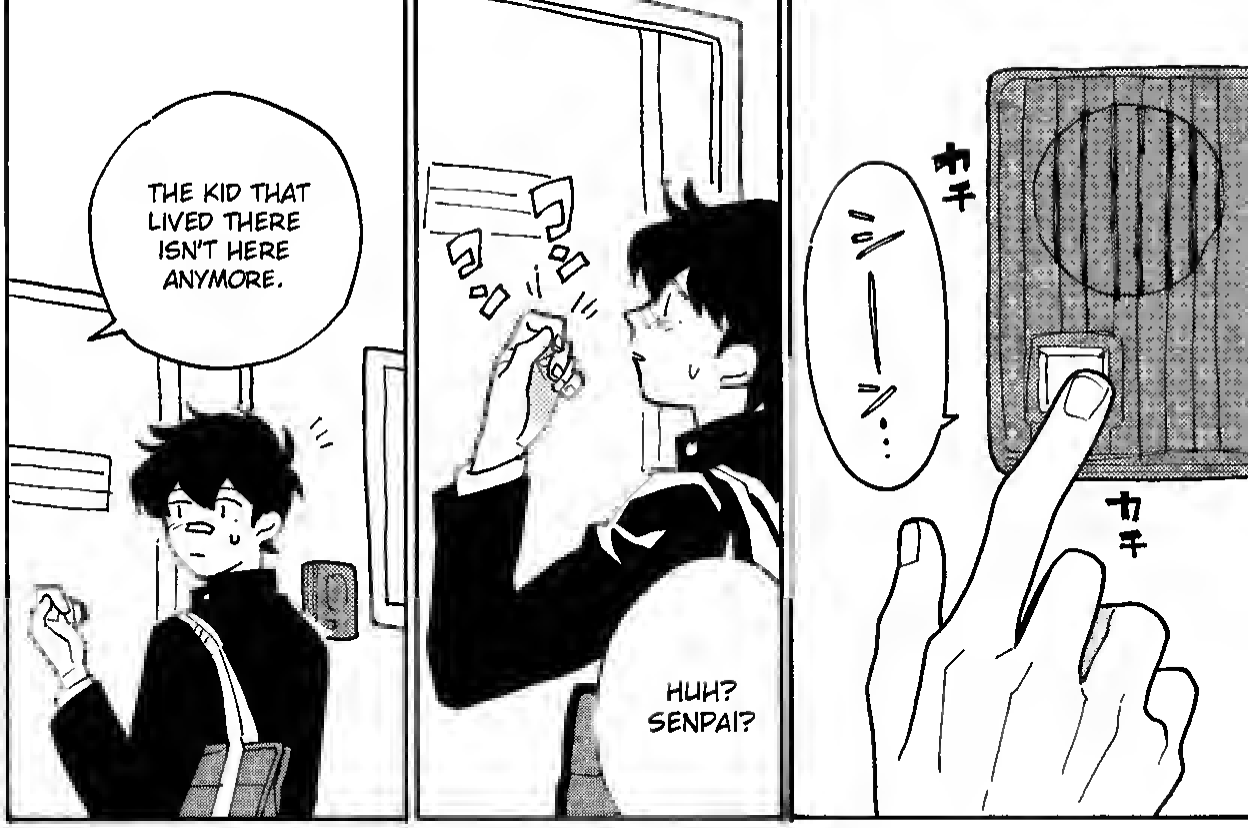
THE KID THAT LIVED THERE ISN'T HERE ANYMORE.
HUH? SENPAI?
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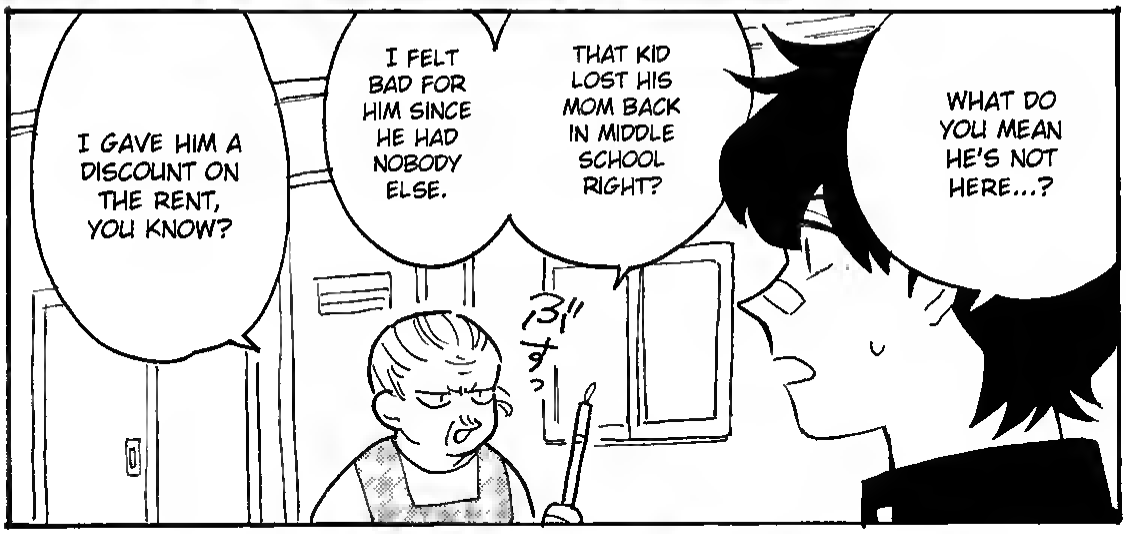
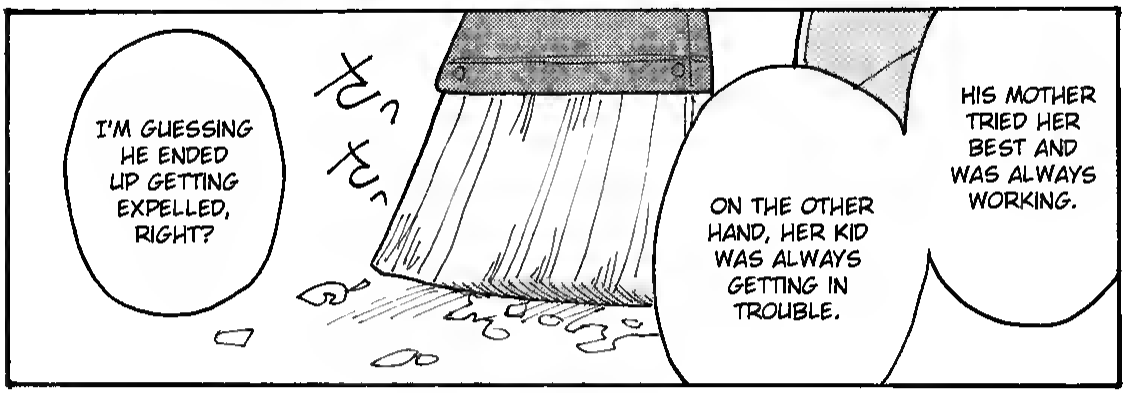

I GAVE HIM A DISCOUNT ON THE RENT, YOU KNOW?
I FELT BAD FOR HIM SINCE HE HAD NOBODY ELSE.
THAT KID LOST HIS MOM BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN HE'S NOT HERE...?


I'M GUESSING HE ENDED UP GETTING EXPELLED, RIGHT?
ON THE OTHER HAND, HER KID WAS ALWAYS GETTING IN TROUBLE.
HIS MOTHER TRIED HER BEST AND WAS ALWAYS WORKING.

I TOLD HIM I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE HIM AROUND.
HE PACKED UP HIS THINGS AND LEFT RIGHT AWAY.
WHAT...
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DO YOU AT LEAST KNOW WHERE HE WENT?
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HOW WOULD I KNOW?

OH RIGHT, I HAVE HIS NUMBER...
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What should I do?
I don't know how to reach him

Oh.
I FORGOT...
WHEN MY PHONE BROKE ALL THE DATA IN IT WAS LOST TOO.

WHY CAN'T I DO ANYTHING?
WHY DOES THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO HIM...
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AM I NEVER GOING TO SEE HIM AGAIN?
SENPAI...

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